

WEFT Connector, Rossview Farm, and Carter Hill Connector Trails

Access to the trails:

Parking to access this trail system is at the Marjory Swope Park trailhead on Long Pond Rd. The Swope Connector trail can be found in by travelling in either direction on the Marjory Swope blue trail or using the yellow trail near the top of Jerry Hill.

Another parking location is at Carter Hill Orchard on Carter Hill Road. There is designated trail access parking at the orchard. The Carter Hill connector trail can be found by accessing the West End Farm trail or the High Trail from the Carter Hill Orchard trail system.

*Please note there is no trailhead / trail access parking available on District 5 Rd for this trail.

The trails:

From Marjory Swope Park, the Swope Connector trail travels generally west through some mildly hilly terrain for approximately 1.4 miles and connects with the West End Farm Trail on the Rossview Farm property. This connector trail also intersects the Carter Hill connector trail which travels north through some of the highest terrain in Concord, intersecting with and crossing District 5 Rd and continuing on to meet both the High Trail and West End Farm trail at the Carter Hill Orchard trail system.

From Carter Hill Orchard, the Carter Hill Connector trail travels south through a mix of hard and soft wood forests for approximately 1.75 miles, intersecting with and crossing District 5 Rd and continuing on to the Marjory Swope connector trail which can be taken West to the West End Farm trail or South to the Marjory Swope Park.

History:

The red trail (Carter Hill Connector) passes through the old City of Concord Winter Recreation Area. You'll see remnants of the ski jump and toboggan track during your walk.

Rossvie Farm encompasses 682 acres of land, including approximately 500 acres of productive forest and 82 acres of agricultural fields. The remaining area is comprised of a pond and wetland system. The land has been farmed and timbered for over 200 years, and been managed by the Ross Family for more than 50 years.

Rossvie Farm offers pick-your-own crops including strawberries, blueberries, pumpkins, and Christmas trees, and also produces maple syrup. In 2006, the Ross Family sold a 547 acre conservation easement to the State of NH. The easement was purchased using funds from the U.S. Forest Service Forest Legacy Program, the State of New Hampshire Land Conservation and Heritage Investment Program, the City of Concord, and private donations.

The New Hampshire Department of Agriculture also holds an agricultural preservation easement on 70 acres of the farmland. Together, the conservation easement and agricultural restrictions prevent future development of the land while allowing agricultural and forest management activities on the working farm.

The conservation easement also allows low impact recreational uses on the land, including walking, fishing, hunting, trapping with land owner permission, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, snowmobile use on designated trails, bird watching, and nature study.



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Concord Trail System

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